
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 17, 2023



Southern States Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Alabama
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)
615 Quintard Ave.
Anniston, AL
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

001-40727
(Commission
File Number)

26-2518085
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

36201
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (256) 241-1092

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbols(s)</u>	<u>Name of exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$5.00 par value	SSBK	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e 4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item. 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Annual Meeting ("Annual Meeting") of Southern States Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company") was held on May 17, 2023. At the close of business on March 15, 2023, the record date for the Annual Meeting, the Company had 8,747,763 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. Of that number, 6,739,465 shares were represented in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting. The Company's shareholders voted on the following two proposals at the Annual Meeting, casting their votes as described below.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors.

The shareholders of the Company elected the individuals listed below to serve as directors of the Company until the Company's 2024 annual meeting of shareholders by the votes set forth in the table below:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Withheld</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
Lewis C. Beavers	5,338,582	181,593	1,219,290
Mark A. Chambers	5,492,716	27,459	1,219,290
Daniel A. Cummings	5,501,355	18,820	1,219,290
Alfred J. Hayes, Jr.	5,337,884	182,291	1,219,290
Jonathan W. Hinton	5,518,341	1,834	1,219,290
Brent David Hitson	5,310,214	209,961	1,219,290
Brian Stacy Holmes	5,501,475	18,700	1,219,290
Christine Hunsaker	5,520,043	132	1,219,290
Cynthia S. McCarty	5,520,043	132	1,219,290
Jay Florey Pumroy	5,501,475	18,700	1,219,290
J. Henry Smith, IV	4,931,995	588,180	1,219,290
Henry A. Turner	5,347,136	173,039	1,219,290

Proposal 2: Ratification of External Auditor.

The shareholders of the Company ratified the appointment of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2023, by the votes set forth in the table below:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
6,738,463	—	1,002

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 22, 2023

SOUTHERN STATES BANCSHARES, INC.

By: /s/ Lynn Joyce
Name: Lynn Joyce
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer