

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/
Form 8-K
May 31, 2016

**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 26, 2016**

The First Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi **33-94288** **64-0862173**

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

6480 U.S. Hwy 98 West, Hattiesburg, MS **39402**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(601) 268-8998**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

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

On May 26, 2016, the Company held its regular Annual Shareholders' Meeting. Three items were voted on at the meeting. As of the record date, there were 5,432,014 shares entitled to vote, of which 4,045,521 shares, or 74.48%, were voted in person or by proxy at the Annual meeting. Results are set forth below:

Item 1. Election of Directors

The shareholders elected two directors to serve three year terms expiring at the 2018 annual meeting as summarized below:

| <u>Directors Elected</u> | <u>Votes For</u> | <u>Votes Against</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Non-Votes</u> |
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Class III**(three year term)**

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|---------------------|-----------|--------|-----|-----------|
| David W. Bomboy, MD | 2,979,412 | 41,078 | 470 | 1,024,561 |
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| E. Ricky Gibson | 2,979,812 | 41,078 | 70 | 1,024,561 |
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| M. Ray "Hoppy" Cole, Jr. | 2,979,267 | 41,223 | 470 | 1,024,561 |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|-----|-----------|

| <u>Directors Elected</u> | <u>Votes For</u> | <u>Votes Against</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Non-Votes</u> |
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Class II**(two year term)**

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| Fred A. McMurry | 2,979,212 | 41,278 | 470 | 1,024,561 |
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**Item 2. Approval of Appointment of T. E. Lott
& Company as Independent Public Accountants**

Votes For Votes Against Abstained Non-Votes

4,039,971 4,277 1,273 0

**Item 3. Advisory Vote on Executive
Compensation**

Votes For Votes Against Abstained Non-Votes

3,001,292 14,827 4,841 1,024,561

SIGNATURES

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

The First Bancshares, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: May 31, 2016

/s/ **Dee Dee Lowery**
Name: Dee Dee Lowery
Title: EVP and CFO