

Hester Kevin  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Hester Kevin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HOME BANCSHARES INC  
 [HOMB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 P.O. BOX 966  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Lending Officer

CONWAY, AR 72033  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 4,859 A \$ 6.17   | 12,018  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 2,431 A \$ 7.85   | 14,449  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 7,603 A \$ 11.09  | 22,052  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,208.321 <sup>(7)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k)   |
| Common Stock - Restricted       |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,558 <sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(9)</sup>  | D  |   |

|                                  |                      |   |             |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------|
| Common Stock - Performance Based | 2,000 <sup>(8)</sup> | D |             |
| Common Stock                     | 1,782                | I | Held by IRA |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |       |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|-------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      |       |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 6.17  | 12/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 4,859  | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Stock               | 4,859 |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 7.85  | 12/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 2,431  | <u>(1)</u>   | <u>(2)</u>  | Common Stock               | 2,431 |
| Performance Stock Option                   | \$ 11.09   | 12/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 7,603  | 01/01/2010   | 03/13/2016  | Common Stock               | 7,603 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Hester Kevin<br>P.O. BOX 966<br>CONWAY, AR 72033 |               |           | Chief Lending Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/Kevin Hester by Rachel  
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12/17/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments. The first installment became exercisable on December 31, 2002.
- (2) The option expires 10 years from the exercisable date, therefore the first installment became exercisable on December 31, 2002 and expires on December 31, 2012.
- (3) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments. The first installment became exercisable on December 31, 1999.
- (4) The option expires 10 years from the exercisable date, therefore the first installment became exercisable on December 31, 1999 and would have expired on December 31, 2009.
- (5) Restricted Stock granted on February 2, 2011 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each February 2nd.
- (6) Restricted Stock granted on January 22, 2010 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each January 22nd.
- (7) Includes 9.0620 shares acquired through the Home BancShares, Inc. 401(k) Plan since the last filing.
- (8) The Performance Stock awarded on August 2, 2012 will "cliff" vest on the third annual anniversary of the date that the performance goal is met. The performance goal will be met as of the end of the calendar quarter when the Company has averaged \$0.625 diluted earnings per share for four consecutive quarters or \$2.50 total diluted earnings per share over a period of four consecutive quarters.
- (9) Restricted Stock granted on August 2, 2012 will "cliff" vest 100% three years from award date.

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