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ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act File No. 811-21994

First Trust Strategic High Income Fund III

Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Declaration of Trust

1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 300, Lisle, Illinois 60532

Address of Principal Executive Offices (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)

W. Scott Jardine
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1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 300
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Name and Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) of Agent for Service

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Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code

Date of fiscal year end: January 31

Date of reporting period: July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Form N-PX is to be used by a registered management investment company, other than a small business investment company registered on Form N-5 (ss.ss. 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than August 31 of each year, containing the registrant's proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30, pursuant to section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and rule 30b1-4 thereunder (17 CFR 270.30b1-4).

The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-PX in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-PX, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-PX unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20549. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. Section 3507.

Item 1. Proxy Voting Record

The Registrant did not receive any proxies and accordingly did not vote any proxies during the reporting period on behalf of the Fund.

SIGNATURES

[See General Instruction F]

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant)

FIRST TRUST STRATEGIC HIGH INCOME FUND III

By (Signature and Title)*

/s/ James A. Bowen

James A. Bowen, President

Date

August 29, 2008

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.