

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 5

Annual statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### SUBJECT COMPANY

#### **STERLING BANCSHARES INC**

CIK: **891098** | IRS No.: **742175590** | State of Incorporation: **TX** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
Type: **5** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-20750** | Film No.: **03546156**  
SIC: **6022** State commercial banks

Business Address  
15000 NORTHWEST FRWY  
STE 308  
HOUSTON TX 77040  
7134668300

### REPORTING OWNER

#### **PUTNAM EUGENE S JR**

CIK: **1183104**  
Type: **5**

Mailing Address	Business Address
C/O STERLING BANKSHARES INC 2550 N. LOOP WEST #600 HOUSTON TX 77092	C/O STERLING BANCSHARES INC 2550 N LOOP WEST #600 HOUSTON TX 77092 7135072242

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 Form 3 Holdings Reported  
 Form 4 Transactions Reported

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Putnam, Eugene S., Jr.</b>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Sterling Bancshares, Inc./SBIB</b>	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span>  <b>Chief Financial Officer</b>
(Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>2550 North Loop West Suite 600</b>	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year <b>December 2002</b>
(Street)  <b>Houston, Texas 77092</b>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)	<b>Table I – Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>
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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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Sterling Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	4/30/02		A	104	A		0	D	
Sterling Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	6/30/02		A	141	A		0	D	
Sterling Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	9/30/02		A	103	A		0	D	

Sterling Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	12/31/ 02		A	123 <sup>(1)</sup>	A		3,596		D	
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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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Acquired pursuant to the Company's match related to the Reporting Person's 401(k) account.

By: /s/ **James W. Goolsby, Jr.**  
**Attorney-In-Fact**

**February 10, 2003**  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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