

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

**Form S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**31-0724920**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Huntington Center  
41 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43287**  
(Address of Registrant's principal executive offices)

**HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED  
EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**  
(Full title of the Plan)

**Richard A. Cheap, Esq.  
General Counsel and Secretary  
Huntington Bancshares Incorporated  
Huntington Center  
41 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43287  
614/480-8300**  
(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

*Copies of Correspondence to:*

**Mary Beth M. Clary, Esq.  
Erin F. Siegfried, Esq.  
Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP  
41 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

**Calculation of Registration Fee**

Title of Securities to be registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, without par value.	600,000	\$ 23.77	\$ 14,262,000	\$ 1,527.00

- (1) 600,000 shares of Common Stock, without par value, have been reserved for issuance under the Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). This Registration Statement shall be deemed to cover an indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock, without par value, as may be issuable pursuant to future stock dividends, stock splits or similar transactions.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h), based upon the average of the high and low sales prices of our Common Stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market as of August 14, 2006.

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**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

The document(s) containing the information concerning the Plan, specified in Part I will be sent or given to Plan participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1). Such documents are not filed as part of this Registration Statement in accordance with the Note to Part I of the Form S-8 Registration Statement.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents By Reference.**

The following documents previously filed by us with the SEC are incorporated by reference:

1. Annual Report on Form 10-K as amended on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005;
2. Proxy Statement dated March 1, 2006, in connection with our 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;
3. Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006;
4. Current Reports on Form 8-K, dated January 10, 2006, January 17, 2006, January 18, 2006, January 26, 2006, February 6, 2006, February 14, 2006, March 1, 2006, April 19, 2006, April 20, 2006, May 10, 2006, May 24, 2006, June 8, 2006, July 18, 2006, July 21, 2006 and August 4, 2006, to report annual and/or quarterly earnings and certain other developments disclosed therein; and
5. The description of our common stock contained in our registration statements filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings we make with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, until we sell all of the securities offered by the prospectus or otherwise terminate the offering. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

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**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Our Articles of Incorporation, as amended, provide that we shall indemnify our directors to the full extent of the general laws of the State of Maryland now or hereafter in force, including the advance of expenses to directors subject to procedures provided by such laws; its officers to the same extent it shall indemnify its directors; and its officers who are not directors to such further extent as shall be authorized by the Board of Directors and be consistent with the Maryland law.

Section 2-418 of the Maryland general corporation law provides, in substance, that a corporation may indemnify any director made a party to any proceeding by reason of service in that capacity against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses actually incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding, unless it is proved that the act or omission of the director was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty; or the director actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property, or services; or, in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. Notwithstanding the above, a director may not be indemnified in respect of any proceeding, by or in the right of the corporation, in which such director shall have been adjudged liable to the corporation or in respect of any proceeding charging improper receipt of a personal benefit.

Termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, or settlement does not create a presumption that the director did not meet the requisite standard of conduct. Termination of any proceeding by conviction, plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, or entry of an order of probation prior to judgment, creates a rebuttable presumption that the director did not meet the requisite standard of conduct. Indemnification is not permitted unless authorized for a specific proceeding, after a determination that indemnification is permissible because the requisite standard of conduct has been met (1) by a majority of a quorum of directors not at the time parties to the proceeding (or a majority of a committee of two or more such directors designated by the full board); (2) by special legal counsel selected by the board of directors; or (3) by the stockholders.

Section 2-418 provides that a director who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding shall be indemnified against reasonable expenses incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding. A court of appropriate jurisdiction upon application of a director and such notice as the court shall require may order indemnification in the following circumstances: (1) if it determines a director is entitled to reimbursement pursuant to a director's success, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding, the court shall order indemnification, in which case the director shall be entitled to recover the expenses of securing such reimbursement; or (2) if it determines that a director is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, the court may order such indemnification as the court shall deem proper. However, indemnification with respect to any proceeding by or in the right of the corporation or in which liability shall have been adjudged in the case of a proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director, shall be limited to expenses.

The reasonable expenses incurred by a director who is a party to a proceeding may be paid or reimbursed by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding upon receipt by the corporation of both a written affirmation by the director of his good faith belief that the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation has been met, and a written undertaking by or on behalf of the director to repay the amount if it shall be ultimately determined that the standard of conduct has not been met.

The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided or authorized by Section 2-418 are not exclusive of any other rights to which a director may be entitled both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

Pursuant to Section 2-418, a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or who, while serving in such capacity, is or was at the request of the corporation serving as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another corporation or legal entity or of an employee benefit plan, against liability asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's position, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify against liability under Section 2-418. A corporation may provide similar protection, including a trust fund, letter of credit, or surety bond, which is not inconsistent with Section 2-418. A subsidiary or an affiliate of the corporation may provide the insurance or similar protection.

Subject to certain exceptions, our directors and officers and our affiliates are insured to the extent of 100% of loss up to a maximum of \$40,000,000 (subject to certain deductibles) in each policy year because of any claim or claims made against them by reason of their wrongful acts while acting in their capacities as such directors or officers and up to a maximum of \$40,000,000 (subject to certain deductibles) in each policy year because of any claim or claims made against them by reason of their wrongful acts while acting in their capacities as fiduciaries in the administration of certain of our employee benefit programs. We are insured, subject to certain retentions and exceptions, to the extent we shall have indemnified our directors and officers for such loss.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Description</b>
4(a)	Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated on February 18, 2004 - previously filed as Exhibit 10(c) to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
4(b)	Articles of Restatement of Charter, as amended and supplemented - previously filed as Exhibit 3(i) to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1993 and Exhibit 3(i)(c) to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference. Instruments defining the rights of holders of long-term debt will be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.
4(c)	Amended and Restated Bylaws as of July 16, 2002 - previously filed as Exhibit 3(ii) to Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.
5*	Opinion of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP regarding legality.
23(a)*	Consent of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP (included in Exhibit 5 filed herewith).
23(b)*	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
23(c)*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
24*	Power of Attorney.

\* Filed herewith.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

We hereby undertake:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement: (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933; (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the

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changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement; and (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement. Provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) do not apply if the Registration Statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by us pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(5) That, insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of Registrant pursuant to Registrant's indemnification provisions, or otherwise, Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in such Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than payment by Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Columbus, State of Ohio, on August 17, 2006.

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED

By /s/ Richard A. Cheap  
Richard A. Cheap, Secretary and General Counsel

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Thomas E. Hoaglin*</u> Thomas E. Hoaglin	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President, and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	)
		)
<u>/s/ Donald R. Kimble*</u> Donald R. Kimble	Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President (Principal Financial Officer)	)
		)
<u>/s/ Thomas P. Reed</u> Thomas P. Reed	Controller and Senior Vice President (Principal Accounting Officer)	)
		)
<u>Raymond J. Biggs</u>	Director	)
		)
<u>/s/ Don M. Casto, III*</u> Don M. Casto, III	Director	) August 17, 2006
		)
<u>Michael J. Endres</u>	Director	)
		)
<u>/s/ John B. Gerlach, Jr.*</u> John B. Gerlach, Jr.	Director	)
		)
<u>/s/ Karen A. Holbrook*</u> Karen A. Holbrook	Director	)
		)
<u>/s/ David P. Lauer*</u> David P. Lauer	Director	)
		)
<u>/s/ Wm. J. Lhota*</u> Wm. J. Lhota	Director	)
		)
<u>Gene E. Little</u>	Director	)
		)
<u>/s/ David L. Porteous*</u> David L. Porteous	Director	)
		)
<u>/s/ Kathleen H. Ransier*</u> Kathleen H. Ransier	Director	)
		)

\*By: /s/ Richard A. Cheap  
Richard A. Cheap, attorney-in-fact  
for each of the persons indicated

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Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**PORTER, WRIGHT, MORRIS & ARTHUR LLP**

41 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6194  
Telephone: 614/227-2000  
Facsimile: 614/227-2100

August 17, 2006

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated  
Huntington Center  
41 S. High St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43287

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8  
Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan")

Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, a Maryland corporation ("Huntington"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement"), filed by Huntington with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the registration of 600,000 shares of Huntington common stock, without par value (the "Shares"), to be issued under the Plan.

In connection with this opinion, we have examined such corporate records, documents, and other instruments of the registrant as we have deemed necessary.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares will, when issued and paid for in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, be legally issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and entitled to the benefits of the Plan.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ PORTER, WRIGHT, MORRIS & ARTHUR LLP

PORTER, WRIGHT, MORRIS & ARTHUR LLP

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our reports relating to the consolidated financial statements of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated and management's report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting dated February 14, 2006, incorporated by reference in the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2005.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Columbus, Ohio  
August 15, 2006

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_) pertaining to the Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of our report dated January 16, 2004, except for Note 25, as to which the date is January 27, 2004, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, incorporated by reference in the Annual Report (Form 10-K/A) for the year ended December 31, 2005.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Columbus, Ohio  
August 15, 2006

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

*(Re: Executive Deferred Compensation Plan)*

Each director and officer of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (the "Corporation"), whose signature appears below, hereby appoints Richard A. Cheap, Thomas E. Hoaglin, and Donald R. Kimble, or any of them, as his or her attorney-in-fact, to sign, in his or her name and behalf and in any and all capacities stated below, and to cause to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Corporation's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") for the purpose of registering under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, a maximum of 600,000 authorized and unissued shares of the common stock, without par value, of the Corporation (as such number of shares may be adjusted from time to time for stock dividends, stock splits, or similar transactions affecting the common stock of the Corporation generally) in connection with the Corporation's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended from time to time (the "Plan"), and likewise to sign and file any amendments, including post-effective amendments, to the Registration Statement, hereby granting to such attorneys, and to each of them, individually, full power and authority to do and perform in the name and on behalf of each of the undersigned, and in any and all such capacities, every act and thing whatsoever necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully as any of the undersigned could or might do in person, hereby granting to each such attorney-in-fact full power of substitution and revocation and hereby ratifying all that any such attorney-in-fact or his substitute may do by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Power of Attorney, in counterparts if necessary, effective as of October 18, 2005.

DIRECTORS/OFFICERS:

**Signature**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Thomas E. Hoaglin  
Thomas E. Hoaglin

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Donald R. Kimble  
Donald R. Kimble

**Title**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer,  
President, and Director (Principal Executive Officer)

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Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President  
and Controller (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting  
Officer)

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Raymond J. Biggs

Director

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Director

/s/ Wm. J. Lhota  
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Director

/s/ David L. Porteous  
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/s/ Kathleen H. Ransier  
Kathleen H. Ransier

Director

/s/ Robert H. Schottenstein  
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Director