

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

**Part I Reporting Issuer**

<b>1</b> Issuer's name  Home BancShares, Inc.		<b>2</b> Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)  71-0682831	
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<b>8</b> Date of action  10-1-2015		<b>9</b> Classification and description  Exchange of Florida Business BancGroup, Inc. stock for Home BancShares, Inc. stock	
<b>10</b> CUSIP number  436893200	<b>11</b> Serial number(s)  N/A	<b>12</b> Ticker symbol  HOMB	<b>13</b> Account number(s)  N/A

**Part II Organizational Action** Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

**14** Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ On Oct. 1, 2015, Home BancShares, Inc. ("HBI"), parent company of Centennial Bank ("Centennial"), completed its acquisition of Florida Business BancGroup, Inc. ("FBBI"), parent company of Bay Cities Bank ("BC Bank"), pursuant to a merger agreement dated June 17, 2015 among HBI, Centennial, FBBI and BC Bank, whereby FBBI merged with and into HBI and, immediately thereafter, BC Bank merged with and into Centennial. Under the agreement, HBI issued approx. 2,080,000 shares of its common stock plus cash in exchange for all outstanding shares of FBBI common stock. A portion of the cash amount was placed into escrow. FBBI shareholders have a contingent right to receive their pro rata portions of such amount, subject to losses incurred by HBI within two years after the closing date related to two class-action lawsuits pending against BC Bank. FBBI shareholders received 0.2662 share of HBI common stock plus \$2.3440 in cash for each FBBI share owned at the time of the merger, unless a cash-only or stock-only election was made and accepted. Each FBBI share for which cash-only was elected received \$12.7440 in cash. Each FBBI share for which stock-only was elected received a prorated amount of HBI common stock and cash. Cash was paid in lieu of fractional shares. Oct. 1, 2015 is the date for measuring each FBBI shareholder's interest. HBI's common stock was valued based on its volume-weighted average closing price on NASDAQ for the 20 trading days prior to closing.

**15** Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶

The aggregate basis in the HBI share(s) received in the exchange generally will equal (i) the aggregate basis in the corresponding FBBI share(s) that were surrendered in the exchange, (ii) reduced by the basis allocated to the fractional shares, if any, (iii) decreased by the amount of cash received in the merger and (iv) increased by the amount of gain recognized in the merger.

**16** Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ For each share of FBBI stock owned on the closing date, a former FBBI shareholder received 0.2662 share of HBI common stock, plus \$2.3440 cash, unless a cash-only or stock-only election was made and accepted. Each FBBI share for which cash-only was elected received \$12.7440 in cash. Each FBBI share for which stock-only was elected received 0.29665577 share of HBI common stock, plus \$1.154222 in cash. An FBBI shareholder's aggregate basis in the HBI shares received equals that shareholder's aggregate basis in the FBBI stock surrendered in the merger. To compute the basis in the share(s) of HBI stock received in the merger, a former FBBI shareholder would divide the basis in the corresponding FBBI share(s) surrendered by 0.2662 or 0.29665577, as applicable (the number of HBI shares received in the merger for each share of FBBI). This amount is then reduced by the amount of basis allocated to the fractional shares received by the former FBBI shareholders. The adjusted basis amount is further reduced by the amount of cash received by the former FBBI shareholders (\$2.3440 or \$1.154222, as applicable, per share of FBBI stock owned by such shareholder) and increased by any gain recognized on the transaction.

**Part II Organizational Action** (continued)

**17** List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ Sections 354(a), 356, 368(a), 358 and 1223(1) of the Internal Revenue Code provide for the results described on Lines 15 and 16 above.

**18** Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ Loss will generally not be recognized by any FBBI shareholder.

**19** Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ The relevant date for purposes of determining tax basis and related information is October 1, 2015, the date on which the merger become effective. The corresponding tax year is the relevant tax year for such determinations.

If the shareholders have differing bases with respect to the FBBI common stock exchanged, the shareholders should consult with their tax advisor in order to correctly compute the tax basis of the HBI common stock received pursuant to the merger.

Any information disclosed in this return should not be considered, used or relied upon as tax advice on the tax treatment of the transaction, and each shareholder of HBI common stock should consult their tax advisor as to the resulting tax consequences of the transaction.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

Signature ▶ *Jennifer R. Pierce* Date ▶ 11-13-15  
 Print your name ▶ Jennifer R. Pierce Title ▶ Chief Accounting Officer

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