

FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 Cerkovnik Robert M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST INTERSTATE
 BANCSYSTEM INC [FIBK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P.O. BOX 30918
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr VP & Chief Credit Officer

BILLINGS, MT 59116

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 5,248 | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Price | 1,108 | I | By Spouse |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/17/2012 | | A | 933 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 | 12,979 | D | |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options | \$ 14.37 | 02/17/2012 | | A | 3,212 | <u>(2)</u> 02/17/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 3,212 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cerkovnik Robert M P.O. BOX 30918 BILLINGS, MT 59116 | | | Sr VP & Chief Credit Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ TERRILL R. MOORE, Attorney in Fact for Reporting Person 02/21/2012

**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) Shares issued for no consideration pursuant to the Registrant's 2006 Equity Compensation Plan. Includes 933 time-based shares that vest in three equal portions on the first, second and third annual anniversaries of February 17, 2012.
- (2) Stock options issued for no consideration pursuant to the Registrant's 2006 Equity Compensation Plan. Stock options vest in three equal portions on the first, second and third annual anniversaries of February 17, 2012.

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