TOMLINSON PHILIP W

Form 4

February 26, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

TOTAL SYSTEM SERVICES INC

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

TOMLINSON PHILIP W

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| | | [| [TSS] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|---|------------|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) P. O. BOX 2506 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2018 | | | | | _X Director Officer (give ti | itle 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | |
| | | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) A | | | | 5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Takl | a I Man | Danivativa 6 | Consti | | | on Donoficial | v Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed | d Date, if | 3. | 4. Securitie on Disposed (Instr. 3, 4) | es Acqu d of (E | uired (A) | 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) | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2018 | | | M | 234,759 | A | \$ 24.44 | 331,250 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2018 | | | S | 117,379 (1) | D | \$ 88.489 (1) | 213,871 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2018 | | | S | 117,380 (2) | D | \$ 88.49 (2) | 96,491 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 40,067 | I | By Spouse | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 88,735 | I | By grantor | |

retained annuity trust

(9-02)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | xpiration Date | | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo Num Shar | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 24.44 | 02/23/2018 | | M | 234,759 | 04/01/2014(3) | 03/31/2023 | Common Stock | 234 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| TOMLINSON PHILIP W P. O. BOX 2506 COLUMBUS, GA 31902-2506 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Garilou Page, 02/26/2018 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- The price shown in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$88.05 to \$88.82, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 1 and 2 to this Form 4 report.

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- (2) The price shown in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$88.06 to \$88.87, inclusive.
- (3) These options vested and became exercisable in three equal annual installments on April 1, 2014, April 1, 2015 and April 1, 2016.

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