

SB FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Form SC 13G  
January 09, 2018

SECURITIES  
AND  
EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington,  
D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE  
13G

Under the  
Securities  
Exchange Act of  
1934  
(Amendment  
No.)\*

SB  
FINANCIAL  
GROUP, INC.  
(Name of  
Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class  
of Securities)

78408D105  
(CUSIP  
Number)

January 5, 2018  
(Date of Event  
Which Requires  
Filing of This  
Statement)

Check the  
appropriate box  
to designate the  
rule pursuant to  
which this  
Schedule is  
filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| <b>1</b>   | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON   |
| <b>2</b>   | Tontine Financial Partners, L.P.<br>CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP |
| <b>3</b>   | SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  |
| <b>4</b>   | Delaware   |
| <b>5</b>   | SOLE VOTING POWER  |
| <b>6</b>   | -0- SHARED VOTING POWER  |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: | 247,791  |
| <b>7</b>   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| <b>8</b>   | -0- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER   |
| <b>9</b>   | 247,791 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON                       |

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| <b>1</b>   | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON                                     |
|  | Jeffrey L. Gendell   |
| <b>2</b>   | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) OF A GROUP         |
| <b>3</b>   | SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION            |
|  | United States  |
| <b>5</b>   | SOLE VOTING POWER  |
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**Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER**

The name of the issuer is SB Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company").

**Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES**

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 401 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512

**Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING**

This statement is filed by:

- (i) Tontine Financial Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("TFP") with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by it; and  
Tontine Management, L.L.C., a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware
- (ii) ("TM"), which serves as general partner of TFP, with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by TFP;
- (iii) Jeffrey L. Gendell, a United States citizen ("Mr. Gendell"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock owned directly by TFP.

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons." Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

**Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE**

The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons is 1 Sound Shore Drive, Suite 304, Greenwich, CT 06830-7251.

**Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP**

See Item 2(a) above.

**Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES**

Common Shares, No Par Value (the "Common Stock").

**Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER**

78408D105

**Item IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO Rules 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK  
3. WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:**

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act;
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act;

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- (c) "Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act;
- (d) "Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (e) "An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) "An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) "A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) "A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) "A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) "A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) "Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution: Not applicable.

#### Item 4. OWNERSHIP

##### A. Tontine Financial Partners, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 247,791  
Percent of class: 5.18%. The percentages used herein and in the rest of Item 4 are calculated based upon the 4,787,796 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 13, 2017, as set forth in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017 filed on November 13, 2017.
- (b) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (c) (i) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 247,791
- (ii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iii) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 247,791
- (iv)

##### B. Tontine Management, L.L.C.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 247,791
- (b) Percent of class: 5.18%
- (c) (i)

- (ii) Sole power to vote or  
direct the vote: -0-  
Shared power to vote  
or direct the  
vote: 247,791
- (iii) Sole power to  
dispose or direct the  
disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to  
dispose or direct the  
disposition: 247,791

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C. Jeffrey L. Gendell

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 247,791
- (b) Percent of class: 5.18%
- (c) (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 247,791
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 247,791

**Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON**

TM, the general partner of TFP, has the power to direct the affairs of TFP, including directing the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds from the sale of such shares. Mr. Gendell is the Managing Member of TM and in that capacity directs its operations.

**Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Not applicable.

**Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. CERTIFICATION**

Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below each Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.



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**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATE: January 9, 2018,

*/s/ JEFFREY L. GENDELL*

Jeffrey L. Gendell, individually, and as managing member of Tontine Management, L.L.C., for itself and as the general partner of Tontine Financial Partners, L.P.

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EXHIBIT 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint filing agreements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained herein and therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATE: January 9, 2018

/s/ JEFFREY L. GENDELL

Jeffrey L. Gendell, individually, and as managing member of Tontine Management, L.L.C., for itself and as the general partner of Tontine Financial Partners, L.P.