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

SCHEDULE 13D

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

EZCORP, INC. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value (Title of Class of Securities)

302301106 (CUSIP Number)

Austin W. Marxe, 153 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022

(212) 207-6500

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 1, 2000 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of 5240.13d-(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-(g), check the following box

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I. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS SS or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Special Situations Fund III, L.P. F13-3737427 MGP Advisers Limited Partnership \* F13-3263120

- 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
  - (a)

(b) X

- 3. SEC USE ONLY
- 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS 00
- 5. CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
- 6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF (7) SOLE VOTING POWER See Marxe/Greenhouse SHARES
BENEFICIALLY (8) SHARED VOTING POWER None
OWNED BY

EACH (9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER See Marxe/Greenhouse REPORTING PERSON WITH (10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER None

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,097,100

- 12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 19.4
- 14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IV/IA

 $^{\star}\text{AWM}$  Investment Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is the General Partner of this entity.

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS: SS or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P. (the "Cayman Fund") -98-0132442 AWM Investment Company, Inc. ("AWM") 11-3086452

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2.

(a) (b) X

- 3. SEC USE ONLY
- 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

00

- CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
- CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 6. AWM - Delaware

The Cayman Fund - Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF (7) SOLE VOTING POWER See Marxe/Greenhouse

**SHARES** BENEFICIALLY

(8) SHARED VOTING POWER None

OWNED BY

(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER See Marxe/Greenhouse EACH

REPORTING

PERSON WITH (10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER None

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING **PERSON** 

664,000

- 12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON 14.

IV/IA

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS: SS or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

> Austin W. Marxe David M. Greenhouse

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2.

> (a) (b) X

- 3. SEC USE ONLY
- 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS 00
- 5. CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
- 6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States of America

NUMBER OF (7) SOLE VOTING POWER 2,761,100 **SHARES** BENEFICIALLY (8) SHARED VOTING POWER

None

OWNED BY EACH

(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,761,100

REPORTING

PERSON WITH (10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER None

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING **PERSON** 

2,761,100

- CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN 12. **SHARES**
- PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 13.
- 14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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#### SCHEDULE 13D

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Schedule relates to the common stock (the "Securities") of EZCorp, Inc. (the "Issuer"). The Issuer's principal executive office 1901 Capital Parkway, Austin, TX 78746

Item 2. Identity and Background.

This Schedule is filed on behalf of (i) Special Situations Fund III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("SSF III"); (ii) Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands limited partnership (the "Cayman Fund"); (iii) MGP Advisers Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership ("MGP"); (iv) AWM Investment Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("AWM"); (v) Austin W. Marxe and (vi) David Greenhouse. Each of the foregoing is hereinafter referred to, individually, as a "Reporting Person" and, collectively, as the "Reporting Persons."

The principal office and business address of the Reporting Persons, other than the Cayman Fund, is 153 East 53rd Street, 55th floor, New York, NY 10022. The principal office and business address of the Cayman Fund is c/o CIBC Bank and Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, CIBC Bank Building, P.O. Box 694, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, British West

The principal business of SSF III and the Cayman Fund (individually, a "Fund" and, collectively, the "Funds") is to invest in equity and equity related securities. The principal business of MGP is to act as the general partner of and the investment adviser to SSF III. The principal business of AWM is to act as the general partner of MGP and as the general partner of and the investment adviser to the Cayman Fund. MGP and AWM are referred to herein, individually, as an "Adviser" and, collectively, as the "Advisers." The principal occupation of Austin W. Marxe and David Greenhouse, both of whom are United States citizens, is to serve as officers, directors and members or principal shareholders of the Advisers.

Neither any Fund, any Adviser, Austin W. Marxe nor David Greenhouse, during the last 5 years, has been convicted in any criminal proceeding or was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

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- Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration. Each Fund utilized available cash assets to purchase the Securities.
- Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

No change.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

See pps. 2-5 of this Schedule, setting forth the aggregate number and percentage of the Securities beneficially owned by each Reporting Person, the number of shares as to which there is sole or shared power to vote, or to direct the vote, and sole or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition.

During the month of December 2000, the following Funds acquired Securities in open market transactions as follows:

Common Shares Average Price

(1) Cayman Fund 505,800 .77 (2) SSF III 1,636,600 .77

During the past 60 days from the date hereof, the following Funds acquired Securities in open market transactions as follows:

Common Shares Average Price

(1) Cayman Fund 42,200 1.14 (2) SSF III 160,900 .85

No other transactions have occurred in the last 60 days.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

See Item 2 of this Schedule. Based on such Item, Messrs. Marxe and Greenhouse maintain sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to the Securities.

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### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 7, 2000

SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND III, L.P. By MGP Advisers Limited Partnership, General Partner

By: /s/ Austin W. Marxe Austin W. Marxe Managing Director

SPECIAL SITUATIONS CAYMAN FUND, L.P. By AWM Investment Company, Inc., General Partner

By: /s/ Austin W. Marxe
Austin W. Marxe
President

By: /s/ Austin W. Marxe Austin W. Marxe, individually

By: /s/ David M. Greenhouse
David M. Greenhouse, individually

## JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The Reporting Persons acknowledge and agree by certifying this Schedule 13D that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13D is filed on behalf of each of the Reporting Persons and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13D shall be filed on behalf of each of the Reporting Persons without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements.