

BIG LOTS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 09, 2004

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **January 9, 2004**

**BIG LOTS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-8897  
(Commission File Number)

06-1119097  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 Phillipi Road, P.O. Box 28512, Columbus, Ohio  
(Address of principal executive office)

43228-5311  
(Zip Code)

(614) 278-6800  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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| Item 1. | Changes in Control of Registrant              | Not applicable |
| Item 2. | Acquisition or Disposition of Assets          | Not applicable |
| Item 3. | Bankruptcy or Receivership                    | Not applicable |
| Item 4. | Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant | Not applicable |
| Item 5. | Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure     |                |

On December 7, 2004, Big Lots, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing, among other things, that Joe R. Cooper has been appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company effective January 31, 2004. Mr. Cooper will replace Jeffrey G. Naylor who announced his resignation as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company effective January 30, 2004. A copy of the Company's press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

|         |  |                |
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| Item 6. | Resignations of Registrant's Directors | Not applicable |
| Item 7. | Financial Statements and Exhibits      |                |
|         | (a) Not applicable                     |                |
|         | (b) Not applicable                     |                |
|         | (c) Exhibits                           |                |

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description  |
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| 99                | Press release issued by Big Lots, Inc. on January 7, 2004. |

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| Item 8.  | Change in Fiscal Year   | Not applicable |
| Item 9.  | Regulation FD Disclosure  | Not applicable |
| Item 10. | Amendments to the Registrant's Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision of the Code of Ethics | Not applicable |
| Item 11. | Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans                     | Not applicable |
| Item 12. | Results of Operations and Financial Condition   | Not applicable |

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BIG LOTS, INC

By: /s/ Charles W. Haubiel II

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Charles W. Haubiel II  
Vice President, General Counsel &  
Corporate Secretary

Date: January 9, 2004