

BIG LOTS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 20, 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) **July 19, 2004**

**BIG LOTS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Ohio                                                              | 1-8897                                               | 06-1119097                              |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number)                             | (I.R.S. Employer Identification<br>No.) |
| 300 Phillipi Road, P.O. Box 28512, Columbus, Ohio                 |                                                      | 43228-5311                              |
| (Address of principal executive office)                           |                                                      | (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.     | Not applicable |
| Item 6. | Resignations of Registrant's Directors.        | Not applicable |
| Item 7. | Financial Statements and Exhibits.             | Not applicable |
| Item 8. | Change in Fiscal Year.                         | Not applicable |
| Item 9. | Regulation FD Disclosure.                      | Not applicable |

On July 19, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing the resignation of Albert J. Bell as Vice Chairman, Chief Administrative Officer, and Director of the Company, effective August 17, 2004. Attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99 is a copy of the Company's July 19, 2004 press release. The information in Exhibit 99 is being furnished, not filed, under Item 9 of this Current Report. By furnishing the information in this Current Report and the attached exhibit, the Company is making no admission as to the materiality of any information in this Current Report or the exhibit.

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| 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  
and Corporate Secretary

Date: July 20, 2004