

COOPER JOE R
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COOPER JOE R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BIG LOTS INC [BIG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
300 PHILLIPI ROAD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/29/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2012 | | M | | 12,188 A \$ 17.47 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2012 | | M | | 4,412 A \$ 21.06 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 16,600 D \$ 44.76 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | | M | | 400 A \$ 21.06 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 400 D \$ 44.75 | D | |

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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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Includes rows for Stock Purchase Option with various prices and dates.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Lists COOPER JOE R with relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Executive Vice President.

Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, Attorney-in-fact for Joe R. Cooper, dated 03/02/2012. Includes legend for signature and date.

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).
(1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were made pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1.

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- The value represents the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on the corresponding line. The actual sales prices for the transactions reported on the corresponding line ranged from \$44.75 to \$44.81. The reporting person undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2010.
 - (3) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2009

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