

BIG LOTS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 2002

**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) September 16, 2002

**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.     | Not applicable |
| Item 6. | Resignations of Registrant's Directors.        | Not applicable |
| Item 7. | Financial Statements and Exhibits.             | Not applicable |
|         | (a) None required                              |                |
|         | (b) None required                              |                |
|         | (c) Exhibits                                   |                |

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99(a)	Statement of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to SEC Order 4-460 dated June 27, 2002.
99(b)	Statement of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to SEC Order 4-460 dated June 27, 2002.

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| Item 8. | Change in Fiscal Year.    | Not applicable |
| Item 9. | Regulation FD Disclosure. |                |

On September 16, 2002, Michael J. Potter, Chief Executive Officer of Big Lots, Inc. (the Company) and Jeffrey G. Naylor, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each submitted to the SEC a sworn statement under oath as required by SEC Order 4-460 dated June 27, 2002. Copies of these statements are attached hereto as Exhibit 99(a) and Exhibit 99(b).

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/ Jeffrey G. Naylor

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Jeffrey G. Naylor  
Senior Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 16, 2002