

BIG LOTS INC  
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

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

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/12/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/12/2006		M		25,000	A	\$ 12.6875
Common Stock	09/12/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 11.74
Common Stock	09/12/2006		M		8,000	A	\$ 11.98
Common Stock	09/12/2006		M		6,000	A	\$ 10.85
Common Stock	09/12/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		54,000	D	\$ 19.75

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 12.6875	09/12/2006		M	25,000	05/24/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/24/2010	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 11.74	09/12/2006		M	15,000	11/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/15/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 11.98	09/12/2006		M	8,000	11/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/25/2012	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 10.85	09/12/2006		M	6,000	11/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/24/2013	Common Stock	6,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

COOPER JOE R  
300 PHILLIPI ROAD  
COLUMBUS, OH 43228

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Senior Vice President & CFO

## Signatures

Charles W. Haubiel II, attorney-in-fact for Joe R. Cooper

09/13/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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 sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
  - (2) The date upon which the option became fully exercisable.

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