

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)  
03/06/2012

\_\_\_\_ 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/06/2012		A	30,000	A \$ 0	85,000	D
Common Stock	03/07/2012		M	7,375	A \$ 21.06	92,375	D
Common Stock	03/07/2012		M	37,500	A \$ 28.73	129,875	D
Common Stock	03/07/2012		S	44,875	D \$ 44.76	85,000	D

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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 43.85	03/06/2012		A	40,000	(2) 03/06/2019	Common Stock
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 21.06	03/07/2012		M	7,375	(3) 03/07/2015	Common Shares
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 28.73	03/07/2012		M	37,500	03/13/2011(4) 03/13/2014	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COOPER JOE R 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, Attorney-in-fact for Joe R. Cooper  
03/08/2012

\*\*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 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 \$44.80. 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.

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- (2) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2013.
- (3) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2009.
- (4) The date upon which this Stock Purchase Option became fully exercisable.

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