

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MARTIN JOHN CHARLES

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

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/24/2006

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)  
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 8,500   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2006                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 305   | A  | \$ 12.79                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 454 <sup>(3)</sup>                |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <sup>(2)</sup>                    |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 54,920                            |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | D                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | I                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | By 401(k) Plan                    |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Phantom Stock                              | (4)  | 02/24/2006                           |  | A                              | 263 (5)   | (6) (7)  | Common Stock  | 263                        |
| Stock Purchase Option                      | \$ 12.66   | 02/24/2006                           |  | A                              | 21,500  | 02/24/2007(8) 02/24/2013                                 | Common Stock  | 21,500                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| MARTIN JOHN CHARLES<br>300 PHILLIPI ROAD<br>COLUMBUS, OH 43228 |               |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Chadwick P. Reynolds, attorney in fact for John Charles Martin  
 02/28/2006  
 \*\*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 reported common stock was acquired under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan") as a result of a matching contribution by the Issuer in the form of the Issuer's common stock, as contemplated by the terms of the 401(k) Plan.
- (2) Represents the market value per share of the Issuer's common stock at the matching contribution.
- (3) This information is based on a plan statement dated February 27, 2006.
- (4) One-for-one.
- (5) The reported phantom stock was acquired under the Big Lots Supplemental Savings Plan ("Supplemental Plan") as a result of the matching contribution by the Issuer in the form of the Issuer's common stock, as contemplated by the terms of the Supplemental Plan.
- (6) Immediately.
- (7) Not applicable.
- (8) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2007.

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