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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-2

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 [X]

Amendment No. 8 [X]

(Check appropriate box or boxes.)

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 292-1000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

JOHN R. VERANI

Putnam Premier Income Trust

One Post Office Square

Boston, Massachusetts 02109

(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

Copies to:

JOHN W. GERSTMAYR, Esquire

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ROPES & GRAY

One International Place

Boston, MA 02110

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ITEM 23. EXHIBITS

Amendment to the Registrant's Bylaws, adopted as of March 9, 2001 by the Registrant's Board of Trustees, is filed herewith as Exhibit 2(b).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this amendment to its registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Boston, Massachusetts on the 21st day of June, 2001.

PUTNAM PREMIER INCOME TRUST

By: Gordon H. Silver

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Vice President

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