

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 11, 2011

**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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 31, 2011**

**AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Nevada**

**001-15663**

**75-2847135**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission  
File No.)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300  
Dallas, Texas**

**75234**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **469-522-4200**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(a) Effective at the close of business on January 31, 2011, Sharon Hunt resigned as a Director of and Chairman of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of American Realty Investors, Inc. (the Company or the Issuer or the Registrant ). Ms. Hunt had been a director of the Company since February 2004. Ms. Hunt, age 67, is a licensed realtor in the Dallas, Texas area, retired. At the time of her resignation as a Director, Ms. Hunt had no disagreement with the Registrant on any matter relating to the Registrant's operations, policies or practices.

(d) On February 1, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company elected Martha C. Stephens, age 64, as a Director to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors created by the resignation of Sharon Hunt. Ms. Stephens is retired. Until January 2007 and for more than five years prior thereto, she was employed in various administrative capacities by Prime Income Asset Management, LLC ( Prime ), which is a contractual advisor to the Company and other entities. Ms. Stephens is also a member of the Board of Directors since February 23, 2007 of Income Opportunity Realty Investors, Inc., a Nevada corporation ( IOT ) which has its Common Stock listed and traded on the American Stock Exchange, LLC ( AMEX ). On May 7, 2009, Ms. Stephens was elected Chairman of the Board of IOT, a position she continues to hold. Also on February 1, 2011, Ms. Stephens was elected as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, was appointed as a member of the Compensation Committee and Chairperson of such Compensation Committee and appointed as a member of the Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company. Ms. Stephens has also been elected (on February 1, 2011) a Director of Transcontinental Realty Investors, Inc., a Nevada corporation ( TCI ) which has its Common Stock listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ).

On February 1, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company also elected RL S. Lemke, age 54, as a Director to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Mr. Lemke was also elected as Vice President of the Company on February 1, 2011. Mr. Lemke is Vice President, Project Development for Prime. Mr. Lemke has been so employed for more than the past five years. Mr. Lemke holds a Juris Doctor degree (1982) from Creighton University School of Law.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

Dated: February 10, 2011

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

By: /s/ Gene S. Bertcher  
Gene S. Bertcher, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial Officer