

Schroeder Paul Alan  
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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 \*  
 Schroeder Paul Alan

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)  
 Vice President

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/06/2012		A	2,000	\$ 0	6,000	D
Common Stock	03/07/2012		M	2,000	\$ 11.55	8,000	D
Common Stock	03/07/2012		M	2,000	\$ 11.73	10,000	D
Common Stock	03/07/2012		S	4,000	\$ 44.55	6,000	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 43.85	03/06/2012		A	15,000	(2) 03/06/2019	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 11.55	03/07/2012		M	2,000	04/04/2010(3) 04/04/2015	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 11.73	03/07/2012		M	2,000	09/12/2010(3) 09/12/2015	Common Stock	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schroeder Paul Alan 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228			Vice President	

## Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, Attorney-in-fact for Paul A. Schroeder  
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 \$44.52 to \$44.57. 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 date upon which this Stock Purchase Option became fully exercisable.

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