

LA-Z-BOY INC
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-1004

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 4, 2005

(Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported))

LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MICHIGAN

1-9656

38-0751137

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

1284 North Telegraph Road, Monroe, Michigan

48162-3390

(Address of principal executive offices)

Zip Code

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (734) 241-4074

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) On January 3, 2005, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the resignation of Mel Martinez as director, effective January 4, 2005. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements & Exhibits

(c)

99 Press release dated January 3, 2005

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

LA-Z-BOY INCORPORATED
(Registrant)

Date: January 4, 2005

BY: /S/ Louis M. Riccio, Jr.
Louis M. Riccio, Jr.
Corporate Controller
On behalf of the registrant and as
Chief Accounting Officer

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99 | Press release dated January 3, 2005 |

SIGNATURE

Exhibit 99

NEWS RELEASE

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Martinez Resigns La-Z-Boy Board

MONROE, MI. January 3, 2005 La-Z-Boy Incorporated (**NYSE, PCX: LZB**) announced that Mel Martinez has resigned from its board of directors effective January 4, 2005. Patrick H. Norton, La-Z-Boy's chairman said, "It is bitter sweet that we are accepting Mel's resignation in light of his successful election as a United States Senator representing the citizens of the State of Florida. Although Mel served on our board only a short time, his knowledge and perspectives were extremely valuable to our company. We wish Mel the best as he unselfishly continues his long history of public service."

Background Information

With annual sales of \$2 billion, La-Z-Boy Incorporated is one of the world's leading residential furniture producers, marketing furniture for every room of the home and office, as well as for the hospitality, health care and assisted-living industries. The La-Z-Boy Upholstery Group companies are Bauhaus, Centurion, Clayton Marcus, England, La-Z-Boy, La-Z-Boy Contract and Sam Moore. The La-Z-Boy Casegoods Group companies are American Drew, American of Martinsville, Hammary, Kincaid, Lea and Pennsylvania House.

The corporation's vast proprietary distribution network is dedicated exclusively to selling La-Z-Boy Incorporated products and brands, and includes 324 stand-alone La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries® stores and 337 La-Z-Boy In-Store Gallerys, in addition to in-store gallery programs at the company's Kincaid, Pennsylvania House, Clayton Marcus, England and Lea operating units. According to industry trade publication *FurnitureToday*, the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries retail network by itself represents the industry's fourth largest U.S. furniture retailer and the second largest single source furniture retailer. Additional information is available at <http://www.la-z-boy.com/>.