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AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC Form 8-K October 31, 2008

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): October 28, 2008 AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Nevada 001-15663 75-2847135

(State or other (Commission (I.R.S. Employer jurisdiction of incorporation) File No.) 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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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

- (b) On October 28, 2008, David R. Fletcher ceased to be Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of American Realty Investors, Inc. (the Company or the Issuer or ARL). Mr. Fletcher had been appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company effective May 20, 2008 to such position. Mr. Fletcher, who also ceased similar positions with Income Opportunity Realty Investors, Inc. and Transcontinental Realty Investors, Inc. on the same day will be pursuing other opportunities in the future not involving the Company.
- (c) On October 28, 2008, with the cessation of David R. Fletcher as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, Gene S. Bertcher, Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer became the Principal Financial Officer of the Company in addition to being the Principal Accounting Officer of the Company.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly-caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly-authorized.

Dated: October 29, 2008 AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

By: /s/ Louis J. Corna Louis J. Corna, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Tax Counsel and Secretary