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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 (Commission (IRS Employer incorporation) File Number) Indentification 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))

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### 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

## **Exhibit Index**

Exhibit No. Description

99 Press release dated January 3, 2005

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Exhibit 99

#### NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Mark Stegeman (734) 241-4418 <u>mark.stegeman@la-z-boy.com</u>

### 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 *Furniture/Today*, 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 <a href="http://www.la-z-boy.com/">http://www.la-z-boy.com/</a>.