## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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# FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

 $\label{eq:Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):} Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):$ 

December 6, 2004

# Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-06991 (State or other (Commission File Number)

71-0415188 (IRS Employer

Jurisdiction of Identification No.)

Incorporation)

702 S.W. 8th Street

Bentonville, Arkansas 72716

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 $(Address\ of\ principal\ executive\ offices)\ (Zip\ code)$ 

 $\label{lem:Registrant} \textbf{Registrant} \ \ \textbf{s} \ \textbf{telephone} \ \textbf{number}, \textbf{including} \ \textbf{area} \ \textbf{code} \textbf{:}$ 

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Item 5.02. Departure of	f Directors or Principal	Officers: Election of	Directors: Appointment	of Principal Officers.
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(b) Thomas M. Coughlin, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Wal-Mart), will retire from Wal-Mart effective Monday, January 24, 2005. A copy of the press release issued by Wal-Mart announcing Mr. Coughlin s retirement is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press release dated December 6, 2004.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1	934, the Registrant has du	lly caused this report to be sign	ed on its behalf by the
undersigned hereunto duly authorized.			

Dated: December 6, 2004

WAL-MART STORES, INC.

By:

Jeffrey J. Gearhart.

Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate

#### INDEX TO EXHIBITS

#### Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 6, 2004