

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 2006

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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### FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2006

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## HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-13100**  
(Commission File Number)  
**3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600**

**56-1871668**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Raleigh, North Carolina 27604**

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(919) 872-4924**

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

Ronald P. Gibson retired from the Board of Directors effective as of March 16, 2006. The Board of Directors now consists of nine directors, seven of whom are independent under the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.**

By: /s/ Terry L. Stevens  
Terry L. Stevens  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 22, 2006