

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST  
Form 8-K  
January 28, 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 of 1934**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported):

**January 25, 2008**

**INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**North Dakota**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-14851**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**45-0311232**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**12 Main Street South**  
**Minot, ND 58701**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip  
code)

**(701) 837-4738**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

**ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On January 25, 2008, Edward T. Schafer notified Investors Real Estate Trust (the “Company”) of his resignation as a trustee of the Company with effect from January 1, 2008. Mr. Schafer, a former Governor of North Dakota, has been nominated by President Bush for Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Schafer joined the Company’s Board of Trustees in September 2006.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST**

By: Timothy P. Mihalick  
Timothy P. Mihalick  
Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

Date: January 28, 2008