

**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**

**April 14, 2005**  
(Date of Report, date of earliest event reported)

**Stage Stores, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**1-14035**  
(Commission File Number)

**NEVADA** **91-1826900**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas** **77025**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(800) 579-2302**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(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)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-12 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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On April 14, 2005, Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a news release announcing the filing of a Form 12b-25 with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a 15 day extension of the April 14, 2005 filing deadline for its 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K. A copy of the news release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

- 99.1 News release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on April 14, 2005 announcing the filing of a Form 12b-25 with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a 15 day extension of the April 14, 2005 filing deadline for its 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**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, hereunto duly authorized.

**STAGE STORES, INC.**

April 21, 2005  
(Date)

/s/ Michael E. McCreery  
Michael E. McCreery  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer