

STEIN MART INC  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2011

**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**

**September 16, 2011**

**(Date of Report; Date of Earliest Event Reported)**

**STEIN MART, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1200 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32207

(Address of Principal Executive Offices Including Zip Code)

(904) 346-1500

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

(b)(c) On September 16, 2011, Stein Mart, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1, announcing the appointment of Jay Stein as interim Chief Executive Officer of the Company following the retirement of David H. Stovall, Jr. on September 16, 2011. Mr. Stein, 66, has served as the Chairman of the Board of the Company since 1989 and Chief Executive Officer of the Company from 1990 to September 2001.

In connection with his retirement, and in appreciation for Mr. Stovall's past service, the Company has agreed to provide Mr. Stovall with the compensation and benefits which he would have received for termination without cause under his employment agreement and the performance shares he would normally receive for retirement. Mr. Stovall will forfeit options for 400,000 shares of the Company's common stock which have not vested.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated September 16, 2011.

**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.

STEIN MART, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: September 21, 2011

By: /s/ Gregory W. Kleffner  
Gregory W. Kleffner  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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