

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BASSETT JOHN E III</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC</u> <u>3525 FAIRSTONE PARK HWY</u> _____ (Street) <u>BASSETT VA 24055</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC [ BSET ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President Global Sourcing</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/24/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common								17,421	D	
Common								2,715	I	Wife
Common								3,118	I	child John IV
Common								3,118	I	child-James
Common								3,118	I	child-Hayden
Common								301.84 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$26.25	05/04/1994		A		1,000		01/01/1995	05/04/2004	Common	1,000	\$26.25	1,000	D	
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$22.625	05/06/1997		A		2,000		11/07/1997	05/06/2007	Common	2,000	\$22.625	2,000	D	
Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$32.25	03/24/1998		A		27,628		11/07/2000	03/23/2008	Common	27,628	\$32.25	27,628	D	
Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$14.875	01/18/2000		A		6,140		01/18/2001	01/17/2010	Common	6,140	\$14.875	6,140	D	
Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$14.875	01/18/2000		A		6,140		01/18/2002	01/17/2010	Common	6,140	\$14.875	6,140	D	
Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$14.875	01/18/2000		A		6,140		01/18/2003	01/17/2010	Common	6,140	\$14.875	6,140	D	
Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$14.7	01/15/2002		A		2,667		01/15/2003	01/14/2012	Common	2,667	\$14.7	2,667	D	
Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$14.7	01/15/2002		A		2,667		01/15/2004	01/14/2012	Common	2,667	\$14.7	2,667	D	
Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$14.7	01/15/2002		A		2,666		01/15/2005	01/14/2012	Common	2,666	\$14.7	2,666	D	
Option <sup>(3)</sup>	\$21.12	02/24/2004		A		12,500		11/15/2004	02/23/2014	Common	12,500	\$21.12	12,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares acquired under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- Granted under the 1993 Long Term Incentive Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.
- Granted under the 1997 Employee Stock Plan which is a rule 16b-3 Plan.

John E Bassett III

02/26/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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