FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     WILKINS RAYFORD JR |   |           |   |         | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol H&R BLOCK INC [ HRB ] |   |        |             |               |   |       |                   |  |                            | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |                      |  |               |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D     |   |           |   |         | ar)   i  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea   |        | Code (Instr |               |   |       |                   |  | Securi<br>Benefi<br>Owned  | cially<br>I Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |                      | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership          |               |  |
|  |   |           |   |         |  |   |        |             |               | Code  |       | Amount            | (A<br>(D   | ) or<br>)                  | Price   | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)                          |                      |  |               | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common   | Common Stock, without par value 04/03                                 |           |   |         | 1/2004   | /2004   |        |             | J             | J <sup>(1)</sup>  |       | 11                | 11 A S   |                            | \$48.7  | 75 2  | 2,460                |  | D             |  |
|  |   | ī         | able II -                                     |         |  |   |        |             |               |   |       | sed of<br>onverti |  |                            |   | <b>Owned</b>  |                      |  |               |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |           | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,   |  | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                                 |        |             |               | 6. Date Exercisal<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |       |                   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)               |                      | Ownersh<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. | Ownership     | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |           |   |         | Code   | v   | (A)    | (D)         | Date<br>Exerc | Date<br>Exercisable                                     |       | piration<br>ate   | Title  | An<br>or<br>Nu<br>of<br>Sh |   |   |                      |  |               |  |
| Call<br>Option to<br>Purchase                                | \$32.275  |           |   |         |  |   |        |             | 06/30         | 0/2002  | 9 06  | 5/30/2011         | Commo<br>Stock<br>withou<br>par val  | t   6                      | 5,000   |   | 6,000                |  | D             |  |
| Call<br>Option to<br>Purchase                                | \$46.15   |           |   |         |  |   |        |             | 06/30         | 0/2003  | 06    | /30/2012          | Commo<br>Stock<br>withou<br>par val  | t 2                        | 4,000   |   | 4,000                |  | D             |  |
| Call<br>Option to<br>Purchase                                | \$43.25   |           |   |         |  |   |        |             | 06/30         | 0/2004  | 06    | /30/2013          | Commo<br>Stock<br>withou   | ر ا                        | 4,000   |   | 4,000                |  | D             |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Units for dividends paid under the H&R Block Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors. Each unit has the value of one share of Common Stock.

## Remarks:

By: Brian H. Schmidt per Power of Attorney

par value

04/05/2004

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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