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**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 9, 2018 (January 8, 2018)**

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

North Dakota
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

001-35624
(Commission File Number)

45-0311232
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1400 31st Avenue SW, Suite 60
Post Office Box 1988
Minot, ND 58702-1988**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed from 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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

John D. Stewart resigned from the Board of Trustees and all Board committees of IRET and its affiliates and subsidiaries, effective as of 5:00 p.m. Central Time on January 8, 2018. Mr. Stewart noted that his resignation was for personal reasons and not due to any disagreement with either the Board of Trustees or IRET's management. Mr. Stewart has served as a Trustee of IRET since 2004.

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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

Date: January 9, 2018

By: /s/ Mark O. Decker, Jr.
Mark O. Decker, Jr.
President & Chief Executive Officer

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