



**Territorial Governor William Jayne**  
**Years in Office: 1861-1863**

Birth: October 6, 1826 at Springfield, Illinois  
Death: March 20, 1916 at Springfield, Illinois

Governor William Jayne was appointed by President Abraham Lincoln as the first governor of Dakota Territory. He ordered a territorial census, divided the settled portions of the territory into legislative districts, oversaw the enactment of a civil and criminal code, and established revenue, militia and educational systems. Jayne resigned the governorship to serve as a delegate to the 38th Congress in March 1863.

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