

Representative **James “Jim” Bolin** (R) - District 16

State Representative Jim Bolin (R – Canton) is from Canton, SD. Bolin is a graduate of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and was a teacher of American History in the Canton schools for twenty-three years. Prior to this work in Canton, Representative Bolin spent time teaching in Swaziland, a small country in southern Africa.

Jim’s first electoral effort was winning a position on the Canton City Commission. Following a change in governmental format for the city, he was elected mayor. In 2008, Bolin was elected to the first of three terms in the South Dakota Legislature. He is currently seeking a fourth term.

His legislative highlights include his service on the Domestic Violence Task Force which recommended significant changes to the domestic violence statues of the state. Five of six recommend bills were passed. He also served on the 2011 Redistricting Committee for the state and was part of the committee which produced a plan for new legislative districts in South Dakota that the ACLU has not challenged in court.

Representative Bolin is married to his wife Ruth, and has two adult married sons. He and his wife recently celebrated the birth of their first grandchild.