

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE BART HESTER**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**CHAIRMAN – JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE - PERSONNEL**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 1**

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Arkansas State Senator Bart Hester represents Senate District 1, which is composed of parts of Benton and Washington Counties. Serving his first term in the Arkansas Senate, he is chairman of Joint Budget Committee (JBC) – Personnel and Legislative Joint Auditing– Counties and Municipalities. He is co-chairman of Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) – Review and Economic and Tax Policy. He is vice chairman of Senate Children & Youth Committee. His other committee memberships include Senate Revenue and Tax; Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials; Senate City, County and Local Affairs; Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Legislative Joint Auditing; Joint Budget Committee (JBC); ALC-Game & Fish/State Police; Legislative Joint Auditing-Executive Committee; JBC-Claims; ALC-Lottery Oversight Subcommittee and the Health Reform Legislative Task Force

During the 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, he served as chairman of the Senate Children & Youth Subcommittee and vice chairman of both Arkansas Legislative Council-Claims Review and Senate Children & Youth Committee. His other committee memberships included Senate Revenue and Tax; Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials; Senate City, County and Local Affairs; Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC); Joint Budget Committee (JBC); ALC-Game & Fish/State Police; ALC-Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions; Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission Oversight Committee and JBC-Claims.

Regionally and nationally, Senator Hester works with legislators from across the nation as a member of the Economic Development, Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC). He also serves as a member of the Budgets and Review Standing Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

Professionally, Senator Hester works in real estate and construction. Civically, he has been active in the National Rifle Association and the University of Arkansas Lettermans "A" Club. He and his wife were named Big Brother Big Sister of the Year for Washington County.

Born in Conway, Senator Hester received his business management degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He and wife Ashley have four children, Brooklyn, Addelyn, Nik and Madden. They are members of First Baptist Church in Bentonville.