

J.D. Hale
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J.D. Hale was born in Tyler and raised in the small east Texas town of Troup. He is a proud graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership and Development. After graduation, he moved to Washington DC where he worked in the office of Congressman Louie Gohmert, the House Committee on Agriculture and Senator John Cornyn's office. While in D.C. he handled policy issues including agriculture, energy, water, and trade. Upon his return to Texas, he served as Senator Cornyn's Deputy Regional Director for East Texas where he developed a deeper knowledge of issues that East Texans found most pressing.

Eventually, J.D. began working for State Senator Robert Nichols. In Senator Nichols' office, he mastered policy areas pertaining to intergovernmental affairs, criminal justice, agriculture, and state affairs. He also staffed the Senator on several agencies as they made their way through the Sunset and budget processes. In addition to his role as Legislative Director, J.D. successfully managed three campaigns for the Senator.

In August 2018 he was hired by the Texas Association of Builders where he currently serves as the VP of Government Affairs and focuses on policy areas such as land use, MUDs, SPUDs, local government regulations, tax codes, homeowners associations, workforce, economic development and the role each of these issues plays in affecting the cost of housing.

In his free time, J.D. enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and working out.