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DETOURS AND DESTINATIONS: NAVIGATING THE ROADBLOCKS TO STUDENT VOTER EDUCATION

ABSTRACT:

This poster shares how Sam Houston State University's American Democracy Project responded to new laws and shifting policies that affected student voter education. The team adjusted its approach to outreach, language, and visibility while remaining committed to a nonpartisan mission. Student workers played a central role in adapting programming and reflecting on these changes. Their insights reveal how legal and cultural shifts shaped the team's growth and informed a more intentional approach to voter and civic education on campus.

THEMATIC FOCUS:

Shifting Foundations: Modern fundamental changes in how communities form, change, and represent themselves.

BIO:

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