Election Integrity Legislation Introduced by Representative Bolick Prohibits Election Officials from Running a Political Action Committee

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Shawnna LM Bolick introduced a key new election integrity bill today, HB 2270, that would make it illegal for a person who is responsible for overseeing election operations to also serve in a leadership role for a political action committee (PAC) – an inherent conflict of interest.

Statement from Representative Bolick:

“Leading up to the 2020 elections, money from Big Tech and Facebook’s Mark Zuckerberg played an outsized influence in Arizona’s elections. Thankfully, last year the Arizona Legislature passed a law prohibiting election offices from receiving private monies for preparing, administering, or conducting an election.

“Zuckerberg’s Center for Tech and Civic Life granted Maricopa County election officials close to $3 million, but this Big Tech giant’s tentacles extended further into several other county election offices across Arizona, too.

“Arizonans want us to restore election integrity and their faith in their election officers to conduct fair and honest elections. This bill would ensure Arizona is not for sale by special interests or out-of-state billionaires. It is time to close the final loophole by prohibiting an election officer or employee who oversees any significant aspect of election operations from running a political action committee that could potentially sway an election outcome.”

HB 2270 ensures that an individual who is an election officer or employee who oversees any significant aspect of election operations may not be a chairperson, treasurer, or other member of a political action committee. It would not apply to an individual’s membership in a candidate committee for their own candidacy.

Shawnna LM Bolick is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 20 in Maricopa County.

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