STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MANUAL OF STATE FUNDS

Legal Title
State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 41, Statutes of 2012

Government Code section 77209

Fund Classification	**Fund Classification**
GAAP Basis Governmental/Special Revenue Funds	**Legal Basis** Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

Purpose
2% of all fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected in criminal cases from the county treasurer is to pay the cost of automated administrative system improvements for the trial courts, pursuant to Government Code section 68090.8(a)(2).

Moneys in the fund may be expended to implement trial court projects approved by the Judicial Council, pursuant to Government Code section 77029(f).

Royalties received will be used for the improvement of the jury system.

Money deposited into this fund will be placed in an interest-bearing account, and any interest earned will accrue to the fund.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Judicial Branch/Org 0250

Major Revenue Source
- 2% of all fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected in criminal cases pursuant to Government Code section 68090.8(b).
- Royalties received from the publications of uniform jury instructions pursuant to Government Code section 77029(h).

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Pursuant to Government Code section 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority
Upon appropriation

Any funds unencumbered at the end of that fiscal year are reappropriated to the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund for the following fiscal year.

State Appropriations Limit

Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, and even after transfer will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from fines and penalties. This fund includes revenues transferred from predecessor funds: the Trial Court Improvement Fund (Fund 0159, Always Excluded) and the Judicial Administration Efficiency and Modernization Fund (Fund 0556, Always Excluded). These revenues have already been counted and should not be double counted.

Comments/Historical Information

Chapter 1211, Statutes of 1987 created the Trial Court Improvement Fund in Government Code section 77207.

Chapter 945, Statutes of 1988 repealed Government Code section 77207 as it pertains to this fund.

Chapter 850, Statutes of 1997 created this fund in Government Code section 77209.

As of 12/08/04, administering organization was changed from State Trial Court Funding/0450 to 0250.

Chapter 41, Statutes of 2012 created the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund as a successor fund of the Trial Court Improvement Fund (0159) and the Judicial Administration Efficiency and Modernization Fund (0556). All assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures are transferred to the State Trial Court Improvement and Modernization Fund.