

## A Comparative Study on *Farrago* Statutes of Tiansheng Statutes

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### Abstract

*Tiansheng* Miscellaneous Statutes (*Tiansheng Ling Za Ling*), with its relatively completeness except some textual hiatus, provides textual assurance for us to understand the system of *za ling* (miscellaneous statutes). In the first part of the article, miscellaneous statutes from the Jin to the Yuan dynasties are put into comparison with each other, and their positions in the entire statutes of respective dynasties are found changed from the middle to the end and then to the middle again. Where the difference between *za ling* and *za fa* (miscellaneous decrees) of *Jin ling* (Jin Statutes) is turn out to be the difference between *faling* (statutes with penalties) and *ling* (statutes without penalties). A contrast in length, category and content shows that the *za ling* either with items reclassified continuously to other categories or complemented with lots of items from other categories were the most frequently changed in contents. On the surface, some of their items kept lasting for nearly thousand years, but meticulous analysis indicates some notable differences. Having compared the Miscellaneous Statutes with other legal forms including *lù* (code), *ge* (regulation) and *shi* (ordinance), The article pointed it out that there are few items corresponding in the Miscellaneous Statutes with those in *za lù* (the Miscellaneous Code), and some items dealing with award in the Miscellaneous Statutes in the Tang dynasty were reset to *shang ge* (the Award Regulations) in the Song dynasty.

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