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South Shore sending 5 new members to Massachusetts Legislat

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BOSTON — A new senator and four new state representatives from the South Shore will join the Legislature on Wednesday. All of them will take their oaths of office in separate ceremonies in the Senate and House chambers on Jan. 5.

The five are among dozens taking office for the first time.

Two of those headed to the House — Mark Cusack of Braintree and Tackey Chan of Quincy — have experience as legislators from the South Shore are Geoff Diehl, a Republican from Whitman, and Rhonda Nyman, the widow of the late Rep. -Hanover, who's taking over his seat.

John Keenan, joining the 40-member Senate, has been a Quincy city councilor. There are eight new senators joining this year, five of them moving over from the House.

The House will see the most turnover, with 39 new members being sworn in next week.

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