

35 time the child is initially taken into protective custody unless a
36 petition is filed with the circuit court under section three of this
37 article within ninety-six hours from the time the child is initially
38 taken into protective custody.

39 (2) The filing of a petition within ninety-six hours from the
40 time the child is initially taken into protective custody extends
41 the emergency custody order issued pursuant to subsection (a)
42 until a preliminary hearing is held before the circuit court, unless
43 the circuit court orders otherwise.

44 (g) (1) Any worker for the department assuming custody of
45 a child pursuant to the provisions of this section shall
46 immediately notify the parents, parent, grandparents,
47 grandparent, guardian or custodian of the child of the taking of
48 the custody and the reasons therefor if the whereabouts of the
49 parents, parent, grandparents, grandparent, guardian or custodian
50 are known or can be discovered with due diligence and, if not, a
51 notice and explanation shall be given to the child's closest
52 relative if his or her whereabouts are known or can be discovered
53 with due diligence within a reasonable time. An inquiry shall be
54 made of relatives and neighbors and, if an appropriate relative or

55 neighbor is willing to assume custody of the child, the child shall
56 temporarily be placed in that person's custody.

57 (2) In the event no other reasonable alternative is available
58 for temporary placement of a child pursuant to subdivision (1),
59 the child may be housed by the department in an authorized child
60 shelter facility.